

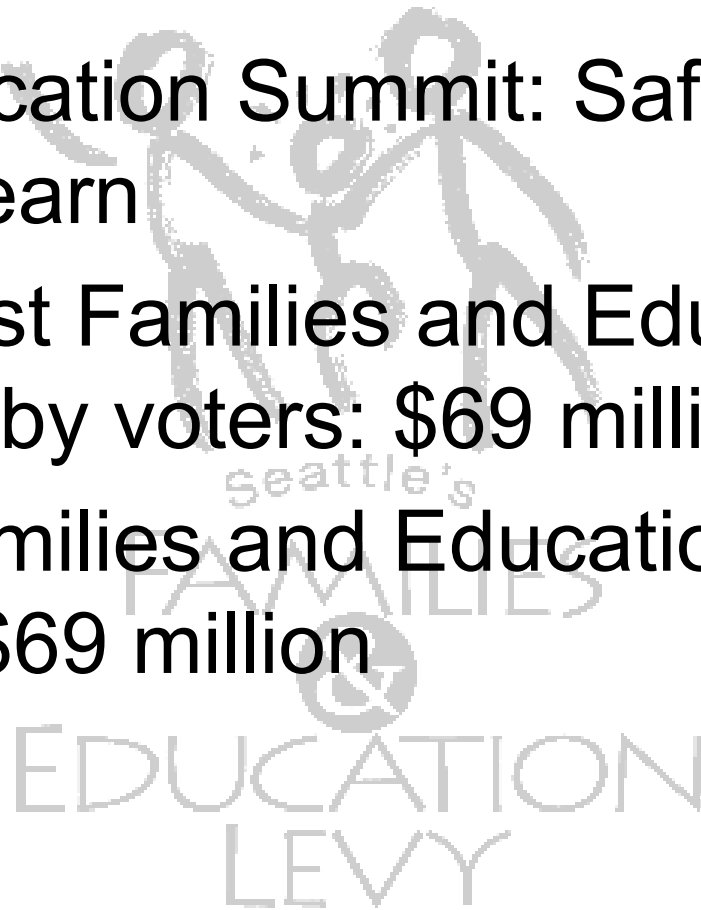


2004 Families and Education Levy Proposal



Levy History

- 1990 Education Summit: Safe, healthy and ready to learn
- 1990 - First Families and Education Levy approved by voters: \$69 million
- 1997 - Families and Education Levy renewal: \$69 million

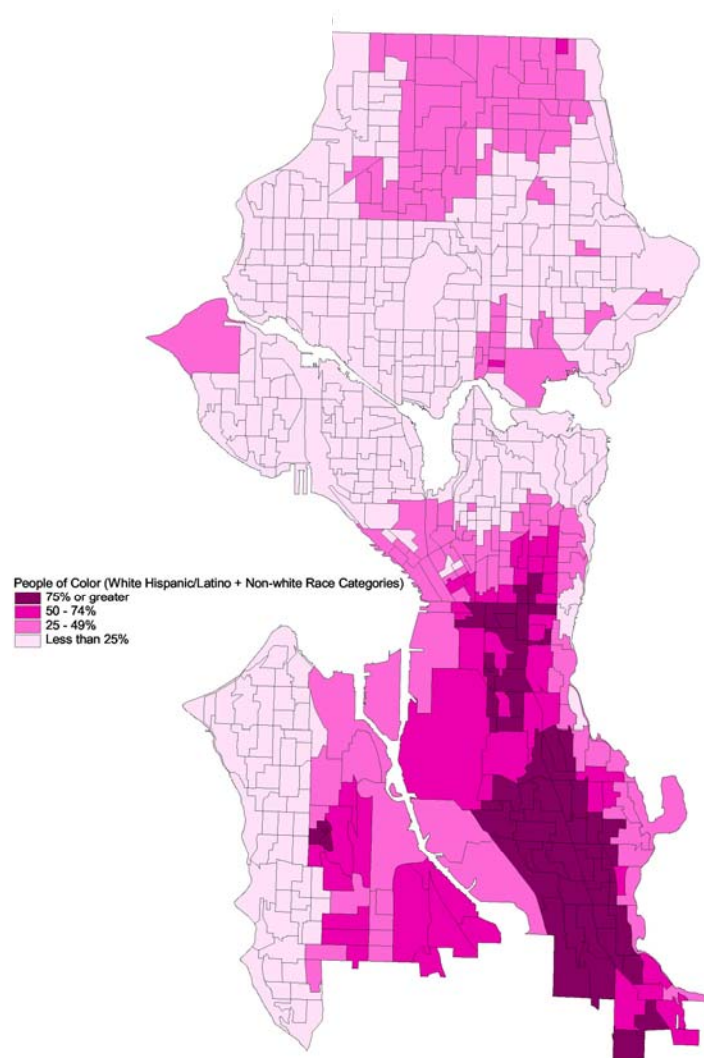


The Challenge

- Children of color and children from low-income families are not performing as well in school.
- According to the School Board: “Only two out of three students graduate and we are successful with only one of every two students of color.”

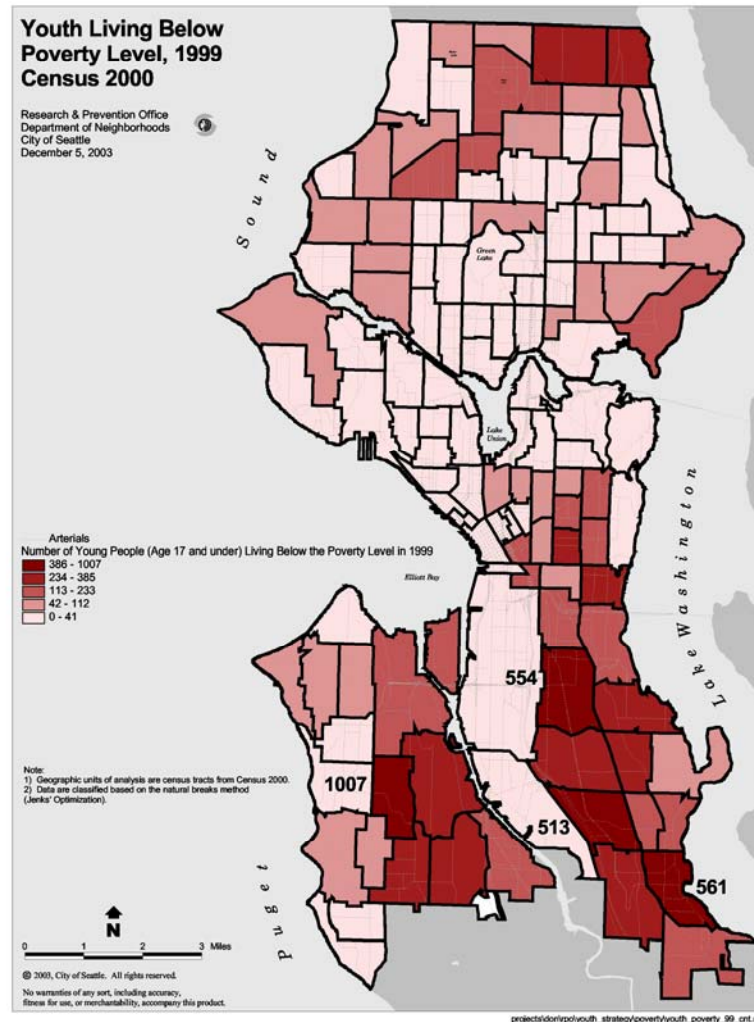
The status quo is not working.

People of Color in Seattle

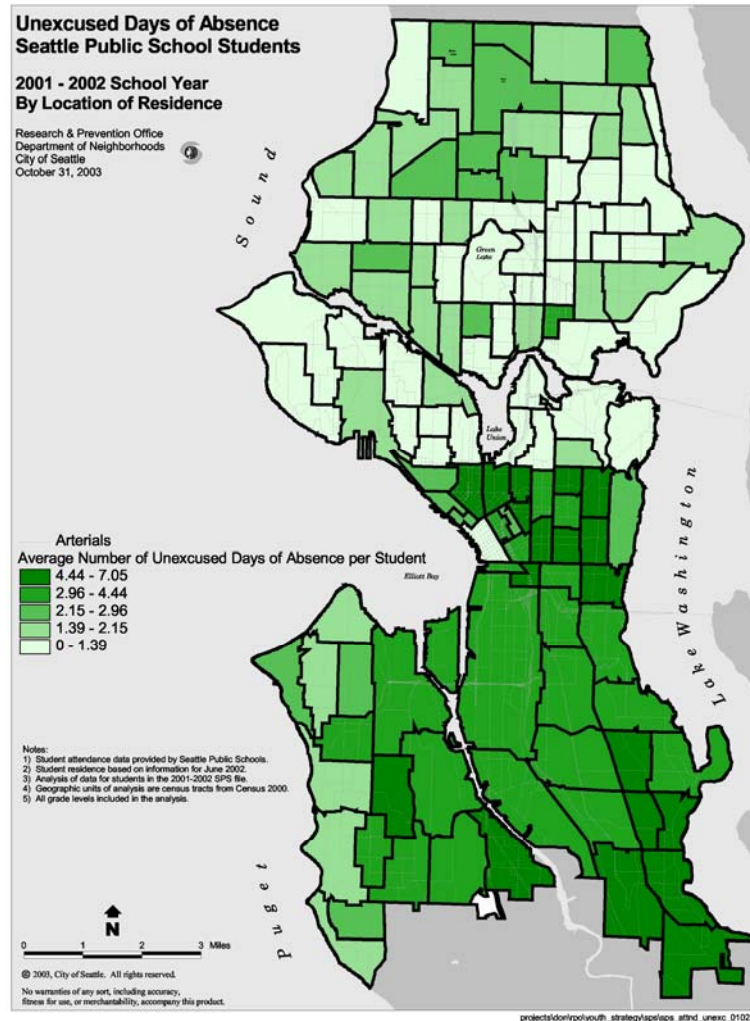


Source: U.S. Census 2000

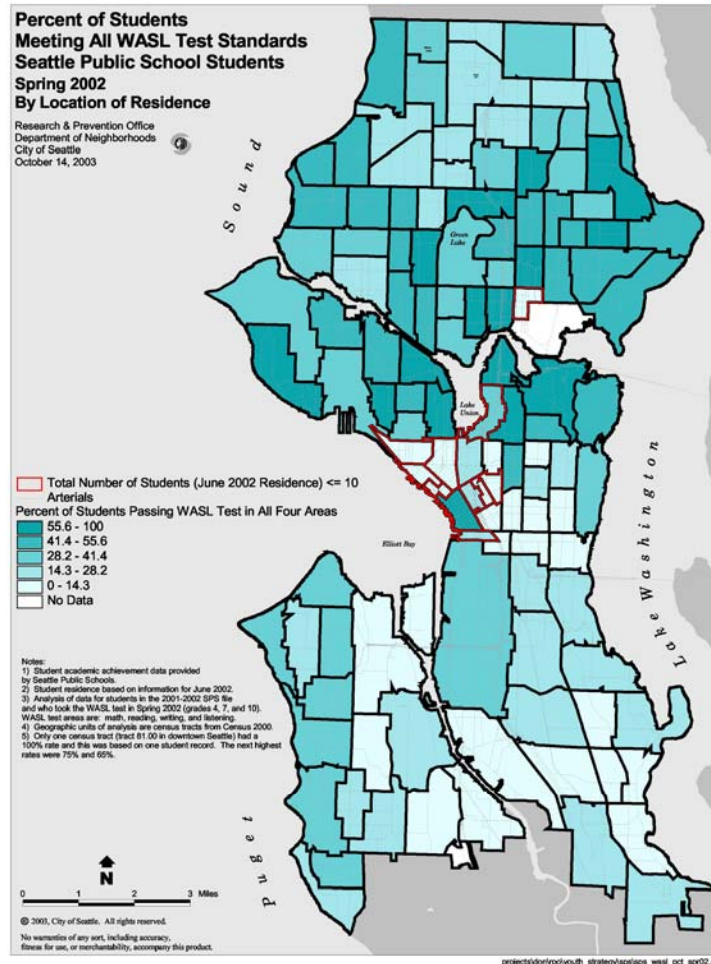
Children of Low-income Families in Seattle



Unexcused Absences in Public Schools

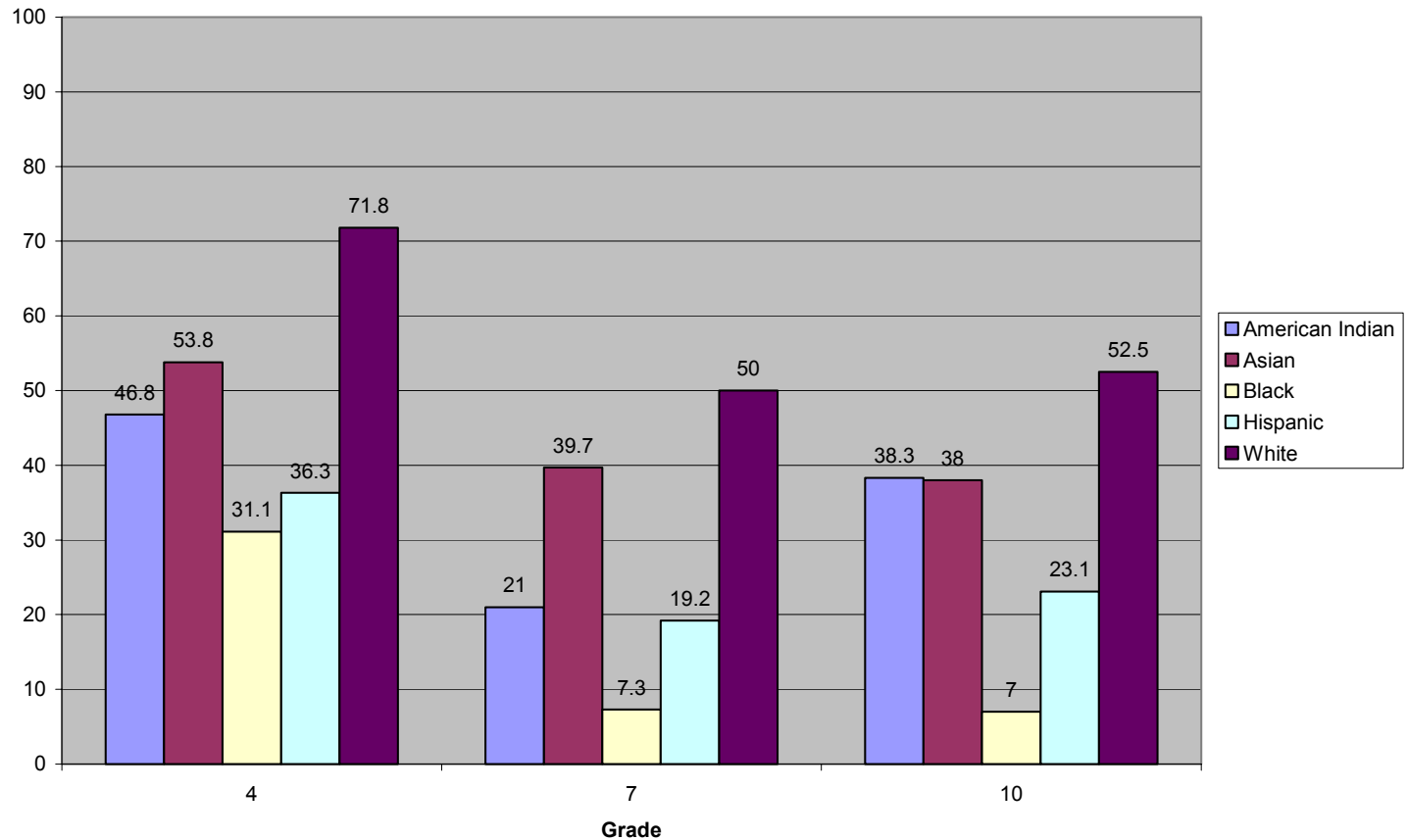


Students Meeting WASL Standards



The Achievement Gap

2002-03 Math WASL, Percent Met Standard, Seattle Public Schools



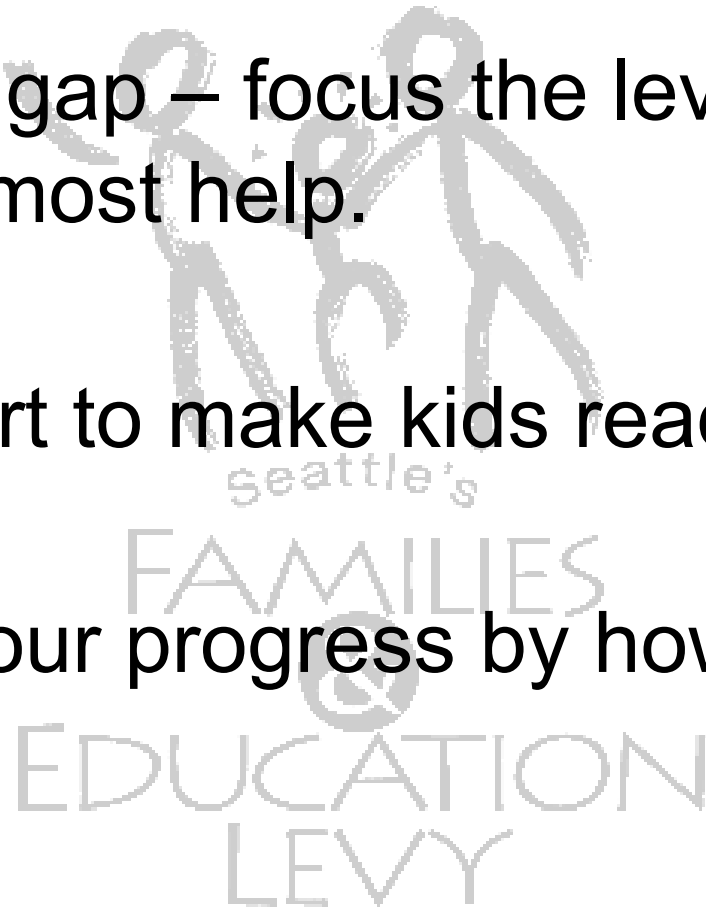
Changed Landscape

- In 1993, the state passed education reform which mandates academic standards and statewide assessments
- Passing the WASL will be a requirement for the class of 2008 (taking the test in 2006)

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Mayor's Policy Direction

- Close the gap – focus the levy on kids who need the most help.
- Do our part to make kids ready to learn.
- Measure our progress by how well kids are doing.

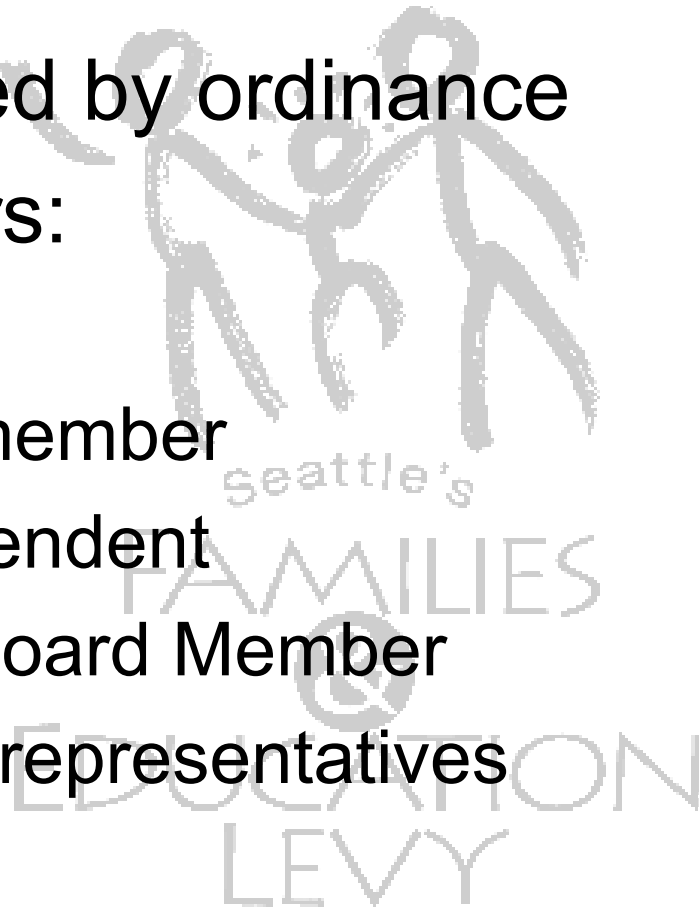


Community Shaped the Levy

- Citizen leadership meetings and surveys
- Levy Oversight Committee (LOC) develops framework
- Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC) prioritizes services
- LOC recommends a package to the Mayor
- Mayor Nickels submits a levy ordinance to the City Council

Levy Oversight Committee

- Established by ordinance
- 7 members:
 - Mayor
 - Councilmember
 - Superintendent
 - School Board Member
 - 3 citizen representatives



LOC: Policy Framework

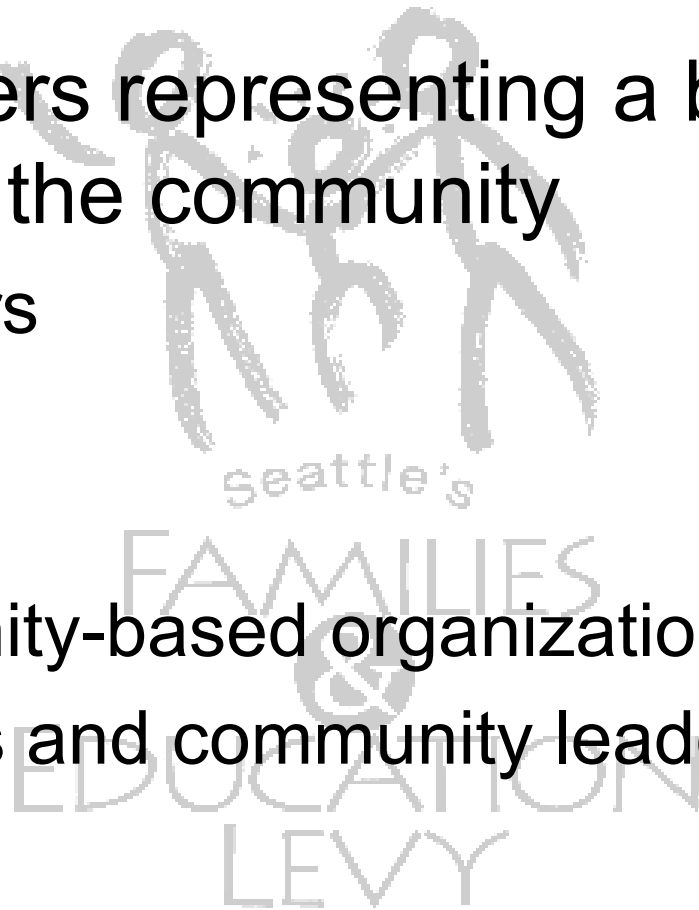
- Help Seattle's children become school ready, be healthy and succeed academically.
 - Early learning
 - Family support and involvement
 - Out-of-school time
 - Student health
 - Support for high-risk middle- and high-school-age students

LOC: Outcome Focus

- All levy programs will be held accountable for achieving outcomes consistent with student success and will focus on kids most in need.
 - Ready for kindergarten
 - Stay out of trouble
 - Perform at grade level, graduate
 - Families are involved
 - Improve health and avoid high-risk behavior

Citizens Advisory Committee

- 42 members representing a broad cross-section of the community
 - Educators
 - Parents
 - Students
 - Community-based organizations
 - Business and community leaders



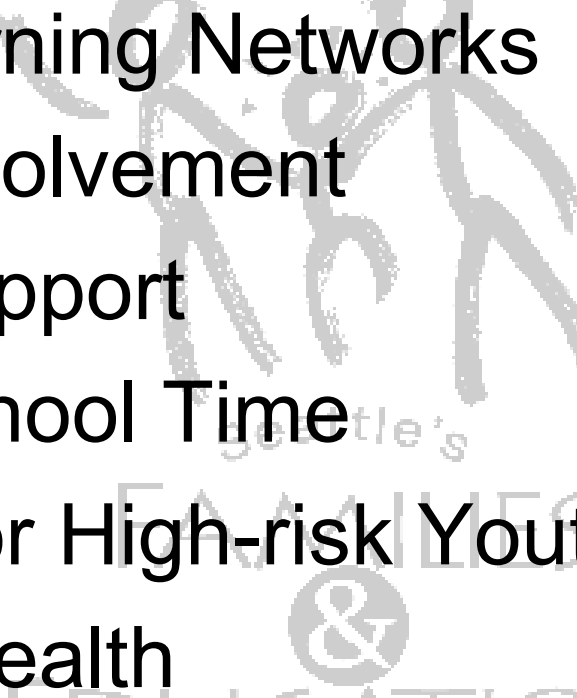
Mayor's Charge to the CAC

- Prioritize services in each levy investment area:
 - Early learning
 - Family support and involvement
 - Out-of-school time
 - Student health
 - Support for high-risk middle- and high-school-age students

CAC's Recommendation

- \$105-\$114 million Levy package
- Systemic focus
- Liked current investment, but wanted new approaches to integrate service:
 - Early Learning Networks
 - Community Partnerships for Student Success
 - Health Pilot Project

LOC's Recommendation

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- Early Learning Networks **\$4,039,932**
 - Family Involvement **\$500,000**
 - Family Support **\$2,125,000**
 - Out-of-School Time **\$2,750,000**
 - Support for High-risk Youth **\$1,250,000**
 - Student Health **\$3,300,000**

\$102.6 million, seven-year package

LOC's Recommendation

- Two early learning networks
 - \$4,039,932 for preschool for 400 four year-olds, child care, family support, health screenings, parent-child home visits and help with transitioning to kindergarten.

Preliminary General Fund Recommendation

- \$800,000 for child care subsidies for low-income, working families with children ages 0-5

LOC's Recommendation

- Family Involvement
 - \$500,000 for community-based family involvement
- Family Support
 - \$2,125,000 for family support in elementary schools to improve academic achievement by working with students and their families

Preliminary General Fund Recommendation

- \$1.2 million Family Support Centers across the City to help connect families to resources to meet basic needs and be involved in their children's education
- \$250,000 for family support for immigrant and refugee families

LOC's Recommendation

- Out-of-School Time
 - \$2.75 million for after school academic programs serving middle schools and some elementary schools, located in schools or communities. Includes child care subsidies.

Preliminary General Fund Recommendation

- \$450,000 for child care subsidies for low-income children not involved in levy activities

LOC's Recommendation

- Support for high-risk middle- and high-school-age youth
 - \$1.25 million for case management services for high-risk middle- and high-school-age youth.

Preliminary General Fund Recommendation

- \$1.2 million for youth employment

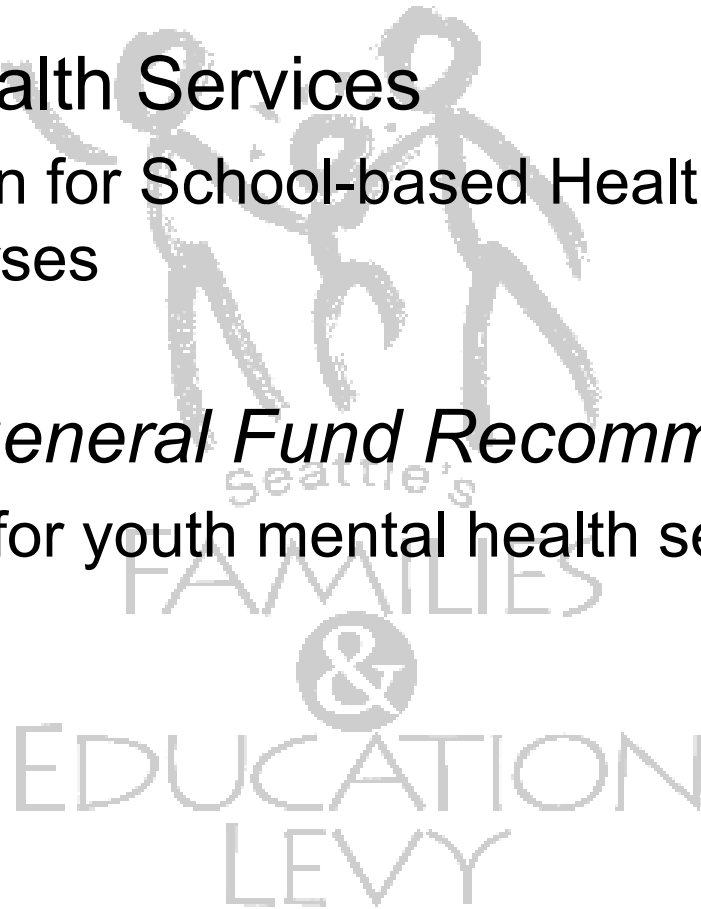
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LOC's Recommendation

- Student Health Services
 - \$3.3 million for School-based Health Centers and school nurses

Preliminary General Fund Recommendation

- \$800,000 for youth mental health services



Next Steps – Setting a New Direction

- April 8 – Mayor Nickels announces his package
- April 12 – Mayor Nickels submits levy ordinance to the City Council
- April 26 – Full City Council briefing
- May 19 – City Council public hearing

